

**REMARKS**

Applicant has cancelled claims 10-16 in accordance with the Examiner's requirement.

As a result, only claims 1-9 and 17 remain pending. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on claims 10-16.

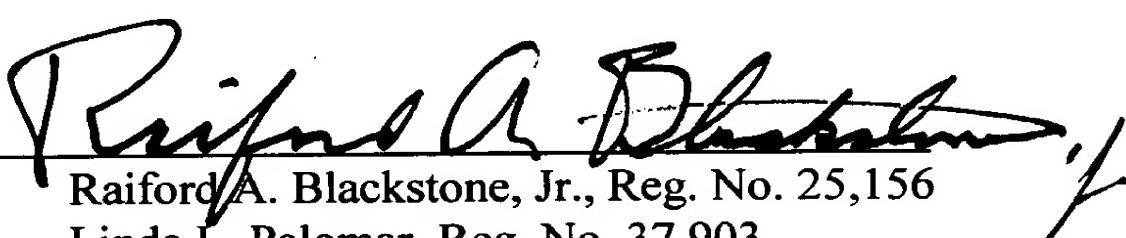
A Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time is concurrently submitted herewith.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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